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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, PFOR, EG, IS, US

SUBJECT: GOI PETROLEUM ACTIVITY IN GULF OF SUEZ

1. HOWARD DALTON OF AMOCO INTERNATIONAL CALLED NEA/EGY DECEMBER 16 TO REPORT AMOCO'S LATEST INFORMATION CONCERNING ISRAELI DRILLING ACTIVITY IN GULF OF SUEZ. DALTON PASSED THIS ALONG ONLY IN INTEREST OF KEEPING DEPARTMENT INFORMED.

2. ACCORDING TO "LIMITED BUT RELIABLE INFORMATION", AMOCO BELIEVES THAT THE RECENT WELL (ALMA II) HAS ESTIMATED CAPACITY OF FOUR THOUSAND BARRELS PER DAY. (THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH OTHER REPORTS.) IMMEDIATELY AFTER TESTING AT THE WELL, ISRAELIS MOVED DRILLING RIG TO POSITION SOME FIVE HUNDRED METERS TO THE SOUTH. AMOCO'S EVALUATION IS THAT THIS DISTANCE INDICATES THAT ISRAELIS ARE INTERESTED IN EARLY PRODUCTION FROM A "TWIN WELL" RATHER THAN IN STEP OUT EXPLORATION TO DEFINE LIMITS OF FIELD. IF LATTER WERE OBJECTIVE, NEW DRILLING PROBABLY WOULD BE A MINIMUM OF
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1-2 KILOMETERS DISTANT FROM ALMA-II.

3. AMOCO ANTICIPATES THAT ISRAELIS MAY BEGIN PRODUCTION AS EARLY AS NEXT FEBRUARY. THEY PRESUME THAT ISRAELIS ARE CONSTRUCTING A PLATFORM IN THE AREA FOR THIS PURPOSE;

PUMPING WOULD BE MADE DIRECTLY INTO TANKERS. MEANWHILE,

THEY HAVE REPORTS THAT ISRAELIS HAVE CONTRACT FOR AN
UNIDENTIFIED SECOND DRILLING RIG.

4. AMOCO ALSO BELIEVES THAT ISRAELIS ARE PREPARING TO
PRODUCE FROM A WELL DRILLED IN APRIL OR MAY OF 1977 NORTH-
EAST OF AMOCO'S RAMADAN FIELD. INDICATIONS AT THAT WELL
ARE THAT PRODUCTION PROBABLY WOULD BE OF GAS. VANCE

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